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In re Application of :  
Amano et al. :  
Application No. 10/750,852 : DECISION ON PETITION  
Filed: January 5, 2004 :  
Patent No. 7,441,240 :  
Issued: October 21, 2008 :  
Attorney Docket No. 2003\_1916A :

This is a decision on the request under 37 CFR 3.81(b)<sup>1</sup> filed March 31, 2009 to correct the name of the assignee on the front page of the above-identified patent by way of a Certificate of Correction.

The request is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner indicates that the correct assignees are Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd., Osaka, Japan, and Sony Corporation, Tokyo, Japan, and that the Fee(s) Transmittal form PTOL-85(b) incorrectly identified the assignee's name. Accordingly, petitioner requests that a certificate of correction be issued to reflect the correct assignees on the front page of the Letters Patent in the patent to be issued from the application.

37 CFR 3.81(b), effective June 25, 2004, reads:

*After payment of the issue fee:* Any request for issuance of an application in the name of the assignee submitted after the date of payment of the issue fee, and any request for a patent to be corrected to state the name of the assignee, must state that the assignment was submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent, and must include a request for a certificate of correction under § 1.323 of this chapter (accompanied by the fee set forth in § 1.20(a) and the processing fee set forth in § 1.17(i) of this chapter).

<sup>1</sup> See MPEP 1309, subsection II; and Official Gazette of June 22, 2004.

The request was accompanied by a certificate of correction (and fee) as required by 3.81(b). Further, Office assignment records reflect that Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. and Sony Corporation are the assignees of record, which assignments were submitted for recordation as set forth in § 3.11 before issuance of the patent. Accordingly, as the request complies with the provisions of 37 CFR 3.81(b), it would be appropriate for a certificate of correction to be processed after issuance of this application into a patent.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Christopher Bottorff at (571) 272-6692. Inquiries regarding the issuance of a certificate of correction should be directed to the Certificate of Correction Branch at (571) 272-4200.

The Certificates of Correction Branch will be notified of this decision granting the petition under 37 CFR 3.81(b) and directing issuance of the requested Certificate of Correction.



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